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FOLLOWING TEL SENT ACTION SECSTATE INFO NATO FROM BRUSSELS
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PASS WHITE HOUSE FOR CAVANEY

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL BILATERALS WITH BELGIAN GOVERNMENT

1. WE INFORMED VAN BELLINGHEN, FOREIGN MINISTER
VAN ELSLANDE'S CHEF DE CABINET, THAT PRESIDENT FORD AGREED
TO MEET WITH PRIME MINISTER TINDEMANS AND VAN ELSLANDE AT
THE PALACE FOLLOWING THE PRESIDENT'S COURTESY CALL ON THE
KING. WE SAID THAT WE ESTIMATED THE BILATERAL TALKS WOULD
BEGIN AT 9-15 P.M. AND UNDERSTOOD THEY WOULD RUN TO
9:45 P.M.

2. VAN BELLINGHEN ASKED WHETHER SECRETARY KISSINGER WOULD
PARTICIPATE IN THE TALKS. WE REPLIED THAT IT WAS
CONTEMPLATED THAT SECRETARY KISSINGER WOULD PARTICIPATE.

3. VAN BELLINGHEN SAID THAT THE BELGIANS WANTED TO TALK
ABOUT (1) CSCE, AND (2) THE POSSIBILITY OF A EUROPEAN
COUNCIL ON SECURITY, THE POSSIBILITY OF FRENCH
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PARTICIPATION IN THE EURO GROUP, AND THE RELATIONSHIP
OF THEE MATTERS TO WHICH AIRCRAFT SHOULD BE BOUGHT TO
REPLACE THE F-104S. (SEE BRUSSELS 4313.)

4. VAN BELLINGHEN SAID THAT NO DECISION HAD YET BEEN
MADE ON WHO ELSE FROM THE BELGIAN GOVERNMENT WOULD
ACCOMPANY TINDEMANS AND VAN ELSLANDE.
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